

In 2022 Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) released *MACS 2030: Forming Lives to Enrich the World* a strategic plan to help all Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) staff come together to make the most of what a Catholic education has to offer, so we can have the greatest and most distinctive impact in our classrooms, staff rooms and school communities.

MACS 2030's purpose is **'Forming lives of faith, hope and love in the light of Jesus Christ'**. Catholic education seeks to provide the young with the best kind of education possible, one that fosters a formation of the whole person that is deeply and enduringly humanising.

The vision, **'Every student is inspired and enabled to flourish and enrich the world'**. The dignity and worth of every student is the central element of what parents value about a Catholic education. We aim to motivate and enable students to act, flourish and enrich the world around them.

Fast forward to 2024 and we have seen a number of MACS initiatives in response to the Strategic Plan, including the Flourishing Learners Position Statement Vision for Instruction. We have responded to Vision for Instruction through our Professional Learning centred on explicit instruction. Staff have spent the year fine tuning our knowledge, understanding and practice of Explicit Instruction, this learning will continue into next year and beyond. We believe we are all lifelong learners and model this in our professional and personal lives. We are never finished learning, expert status may be the ultimate goal but not without remaining curious and open to growth and change. Always challenging our pedagogy through evidenced based theory and practice. Additionally, we have already introduced Spellex in the middle and senior levels and next year Initial Lit will be implemented in the junior classes.

Next year we respond to another MACS initiative, the introduction of MACSEYE (Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Early Years Education). MACSEYE is an approved provider of high quality Outside School Hours Care (OSHC). Over the next eighteen months all Melbourne Catholic Schools OSHC will be rolled over to MACSEYE. There will be more information in the weeks leading up to the end of term. For now, know that the care and engagement our students know and love at OSHC will continue, just under a new provider. As I receive information, I will keep our community updated.

Yesterday I attended a MACS Principal Forum. Principals from MACS Primary and Secondary Schools, across the four regions gathered. The opportunity to listen to quality guest speakers, and to build collegiality through professional dialogue is invaluable. Professor Br David Hall delivered an address on Faith Formation and the new RE Curriculum to be developed. Dr Ben Jenson and Dr Mary Oski spoke of the updated Review Process, Rubrics and Templates. Workshops on the MACS Cyber Safety strategy and the new Code of Conduct and Reportable Conduct for staff, emphasised the safety of students is always firmly at the centre of our work. Change can go hand in hand with anxiety of the unknown, a sense of loss at what was known but no longer. Alternatively change can be seen through the lens of opportunity, it can be an invigorating time of reflection and renewal. Our system is in an exciting period of growth and change. It is always a good time to be a member of a Catholic School, but now is a great time as we reimagine what we are capable of achieving as a system and at a local school level.

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2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR—Term 4 & 2025 CALENDAR

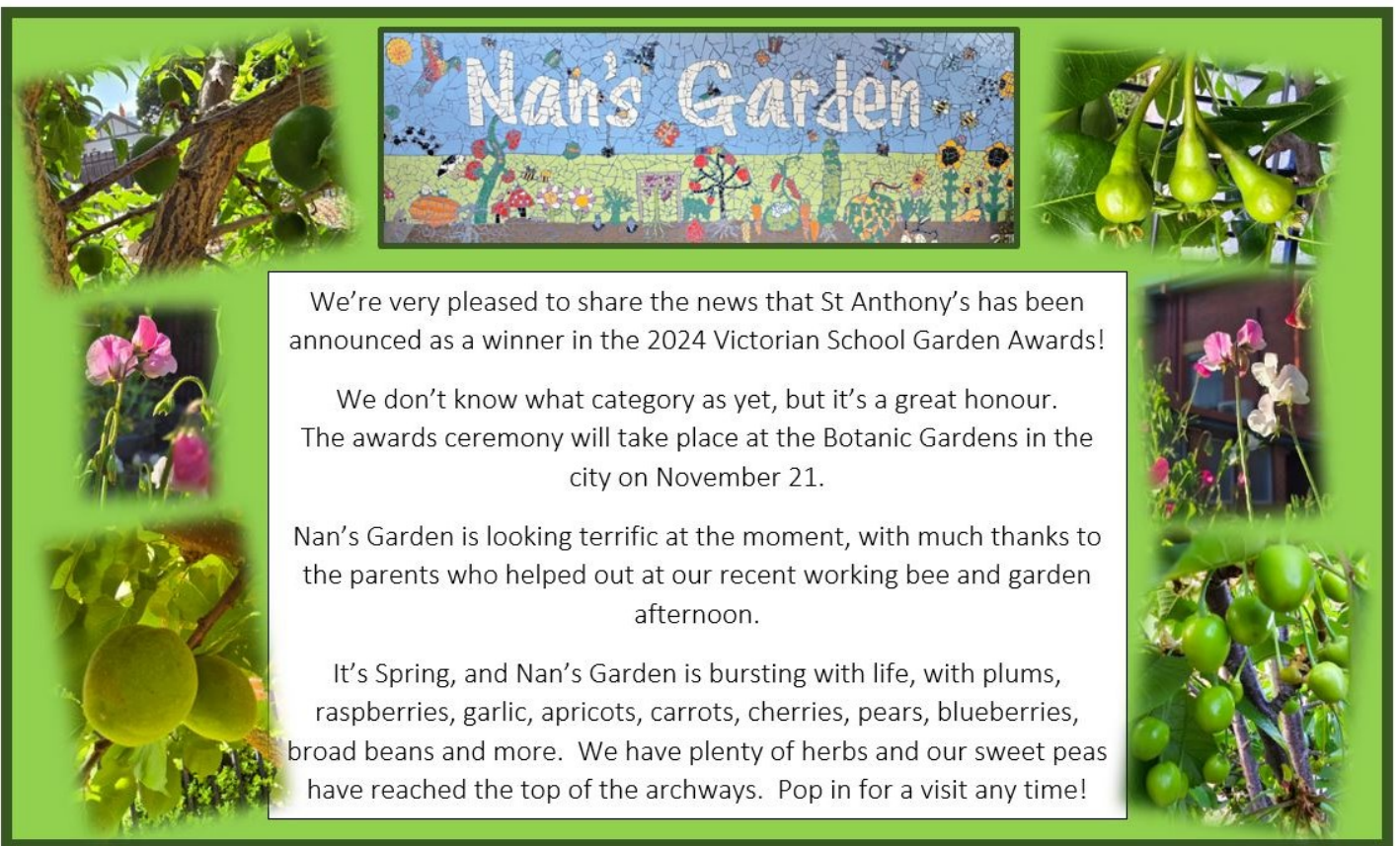
2024		
Term 4		
Date	Time	Activity
Friday 25 October	9.15am	Prep/1/2 Class Mass
Saturday 26 October	7pm	St Anthony's Cocktail Night Northside Wines
Tuesday 29 October	6.30pm- 7.30pm	Year 2MW Scripture Night
Thursday 31 October		Socktober—details below
Friday 1 November	9.15am	5/6VM Class Mass
Monday 4 November		School Closure Day— Assessment and reporting
Tuesday 5 November		Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wednesday 6 November		Italian Activity Day—details below
Friday 8 November	2.15pm	Prep Orientation Program— Session 1
Thursday 14 November	5.00pm- 6.15pm	Junior & Middle School Disco Grade Prep—Grade 4
Thursday 14 November	6.30pm- 8.00pm	Senior School Disco Grade 5—Grade 6
Friday 15 November	9.15am	5/6RL Class Mass
Friday 15 November	2.15pm	Prep Orientation Program— Session 2
Wednesday 20 November	6.30pm	Victorian Police Parent Cyber Safety Evening— Details below
Friday 22 November	9.15am	5/6ZN Class Mass
Friday 22 November	2.15pm	Prep Orientation Program— Session 3
Tuesday 26 November	6pm	Christmas Carol Evening— All welcome
Sunday 1 December	11am	Prep 2024 & Prep 2025 Mass & BBQ
Monday 2 December		House Athletic Day— Collingwood Athletics Track
Thursday 5 December		Mission Stalls Day
Tuesday 10 December	6.30pm	2024 Gratitude Mass—All welcome
Saturday 14 December		Carols at Station Street—St Anthony's Choir
Monday 16 December		Grade 6 Graduation Evening
Tuesday 17 December	1pm	Last day of school

2025		
Term 1		
Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 28 January		Staff return
Wednesday 29 January	8.50am	Term 1 begins for all students
Monday 24 February		School Photo Day
Mon—Wed 17—19 February		Grade 5/6 Camp
Friday 28 February		2025 Twilight Fair
Wednesday 5 March		Ash Wednesday
Wednesday 12 March		Naplan begins
Sunday 16 March		Catholic Education Week begins
Monday 17 March		Cultural Diversity Week starts
Friday 4 April	1.00pm	Term 1 ends
Term 2		
Tuesday 22 April	8.50am	Term 2 begins
Friday 4 July	1.00pm	Term 2 ends
Term 3		
Monday 21 July	8.50am	Term 3 begins
Friday 19 September	1.00pm	Term 3 ends
Term 4		
Monday 6 October	8.50am	Term 4 begins
Friday 19 December	1.00pm	Term 4 ends—date to be confirmed



A **BIG** Thank You!

Hopefully you've noticed our grounds looking more pristine than usual. Those who attended our working bee did an incredible job of weeding, distributing mulch, sand and generally tidying up. To the students, parents and staff who contributed your time and energy, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Many hands made (somewhat) light work!



AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all the students who entered the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) run by *Australian Maths Trust*. The students from St Anthony's performed extremely well.

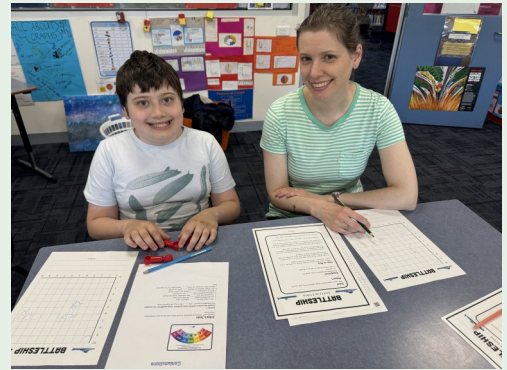
A special mention to the following students who achieved a Distinction Certificate: Alex R, Ricky, Jude L, Leo.

Congratulations also to these students who received a Credit Certificate; Jake, Xavier, Phoenix, Lennox, Christopher.

Well done to all the other students who received a mixture of Proficiency and Participation Awards: Isaac, Ruben, Emily C, Viraaj, Harry D, Audrey, Andrew, Tom T, Jenson, Nathan, Xan and Summer.



MATHS DAY PHOTOS





Italian Day

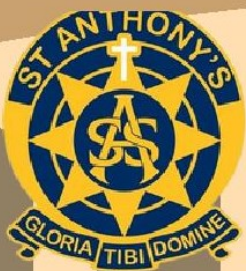
Wednesday 6th November



Puppet Show
Sports
Games
Parade
Food



*Wear an Italian-
themed outfit or red,
white and green*



TWILIGHT FAIR 2025 PLANNING

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2025 St Anthony's Twilight Fair is on **Friday, February 28**.

JOIN THE TEAM

Two current priorities are **Sponsorship & Marketing** and the **Silent Auction**. Can you assist in these areas? No experience necessary, there will be handover documents and support to ensure a successful transition! Join the team and help deliver a successful Fair for the community.

- Silent Auction Lead required
- Sponsorship & Marketing Support required

If you would like to know more or can assist with these roles please contact Luisa Serafini on 0406 704 094.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for local businesses to come on board and support our Twilight Fair as a financial sponsor. Do you know anyone who may be interested? Sponsorship provides great exposure to the local community along with supporting St Anthony's to thrive.

The deadline for sponsorship is November 30. Please reach out to Luisa Serafini on 0406 704 094 with any leads.

SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

The online auction is a major fundraiser for the school and always very generously supported by our local businesses. Please consider if you or someone you know would be interested in making a donation!

EMPOWERING PARENTS FOR CYBER SAFETY EVENING

Facilitated by

Senior Constable Andrew Moreton

Date: Wednesday 20 November 2024

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: MacKillop Room

**Target Audience: Primarily parents of students in Years
3-6 but all welcome**

Topics covered include:

- information on what young people SEE, SAY and DO online
- challenges they might face and how to get help if something goes wrong
- highlighting and promoting safe and responsible online behaviours
- the challenges that can impact online safety for young people
- empowering parents with the tools to be confident in managing the challenges associated with technology use



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Socktober

Socktober is on the 31st of October.

This year Catholic Missions have partnered with the Don Bosco Caring Centre in Mongolia for Socktober.

You can wear crazy socks with your uniform and bring a gold coin donation.

School Advisory Council Update

Since our last newsletter, we have an additional council member, Claire Hayes (Ella P/1RG). Claire's tenure on the Perry Street Board is coming to a conclusion and we look forward to welcoming her to our team.

The School Advisory Council has a strong membership of six parents, our Parish Priest and Principal (Staff will be involved as required).

The next meeting on 12 November will involve current and new members, look out for an update following the meeting.



ST ANTHONY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS

Cocktail Night

7pm Saturday October 26

Northside Wines
543 High Street, Northcote

\$50 per person
Includes Grazing & 'FILL ME UP' Canape Menu,
plus Bar Tab. Part funding by P&F.

CLICK TO BUY TICKETS NOW

IT'S BACK!

school disco

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14

prep to grade 4
5.00 - 6.15PM

grade 5 and 6
6.30 - 8.00PM

These are just a few of the exciting things happening in our school community in Term 4. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information on these events and more!



FAIRFIELD VILLAGE TRADERS PRESENTS

HALLOWEEN FUN DAY

10AM | SUNDAY 27TH
3PM | OCTOBER 2024

GILLIES STREET CARPARK
(BACK OF STATION ST)

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Since 1924

INCLUDES FREE HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN HUNT

PRE PURCHASE YOUR \$15 WRIST BANDS FOR UNLIMITED RIDES BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

FAIRFIELD VILLAGE

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

Join St Anthony's Parents & Friends in hosting a stall at this Sunday's Fairfield Halloween Fun Day. We will be running Halloween crafts and providing information about the school to local families (and maybe some lollies too!). Please sign up for a shift if you can spare an hour or so (maybe while the kids enjoy the rides!). Sign up for a shift: <https://volunteersignup.org/88D7B>

Remembrance Day Poppy Appeal



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Let Us Forget

RSL Victoria have again supplied us with a range of Remembrance Day items for us to sell to raise money for their Poppy Appeal.

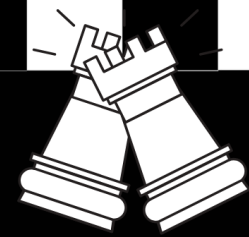
SRC students will begin selling these items from Monday, 28 October until Monday, 11 November at recess and lunch.

Items range in cost from \$1 and \$5 and the correct money would be appreciated.

Thank you for your support.

ART CLUB

Monday Lunctime in the
Art Room



Chess Club
Tuesday
Lunchtime in the
Atrium

Garden Club

Friday
Lunchtime in
Nan's
Garden

watering

planting

pruning

weeding



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY GARDEN OPEN DAY 10AM-1PM



Visit our community garden and learn how to live more locally and sustainably



Garden Workshops

- 10:30 Attracting Pollinators with Flowering Plants
- 11:00 Propagating Natives
- 11:30 Composting Q&A
- 12:00 Repurposing Spring Onions



Reground

Bring your soft plastics for collection

Plant Stall

\$2 Gold Coin Donation

CWA Cakes Stall



Children's Activities

Hanslope Ave, Alphington

Find the garden at the end of Hanslope Ave
- cross the walking track to the entrance,
just in front of railway line or wander in from
Hamilton Street.



Bendigo Bank

Community Bank
Clifton Hill-North
Fitzroy

Save the date for our

Christmas *Carol Evening*

Pack a picnic and celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our St Anthony's Community.

Featuring performances from:
**All classes and the
Christmas Choir**

 **Tuesday 26th
November, 2024
6pm**

 **St Anthony's
School Grounds**



Come and experience how
St Anthony's Alphington
stands out from the rest



Enrolments now open!
Limited places available in Years 1 – 6

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Book a private tour of our vibrant school
with our student leaders and Principal.

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AUDITIONS

for our 2025 programs

Visit our website for more information – www.theyarravoices.com – 75 Reid St Fitzroy North

THE YARRA VOICES



AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



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thanks to our sponsors.

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All students attending St Anthony's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school.